

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of playing a modified poker card game using a standard deck of playing cards comprising the steps:
 - 5 (a) dealing four cards, face down, to a player defining a hand;
 - (b) discarding one card from the hand of the player, leaving the player with three cards;
 - (c) dealing six cards, face down from the deck, arranged in a community defining a pyramid having a top row with one wild card, a middle row with two discards and a bottom row with three play cards;
 - 10 (d) comparing matching cards, by rank, from the hand of each player and from said play cards and said wild card, with said discards and placing them on top of matching said discards when said play cards, said discards and said wild card are turned face up during the course of play;
 - (e) forming, by each player, a best poker hand, wherein the best poker hand consisting of a
15 maximum of five cards chosen from the cards remaining in the hand of the player and from said play cards remaining and from said wild card, if it remains, of said pyramid; wherein said wild card and any said card having the same rank as said wild card may represent any card including said discards and any said matching cards that have been placed on top of matching said discards during the course of play;
 - 20 (f) exposing the best poker hand, by each said player, face up;
 - (g) examining the best poker hand among the players; and
 - (h) declaring the player having the best poker hand, as the winner.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of allowing each said player to place a bet, in a pot, after each said play card, each said discard and said wild card of said pyramid is turned
25 face up.
3. The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of claiming, by the winner, the full contents of said pot.

4. The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of sharing said pot, by the winner, with each said player having no said cards in said hand.
5. The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of sharing said pot, by the winner, with each said player having a player hand identical to the winner.
- 5 6. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of allowing each said player to select a standard traditional poker betting option instead of placing a bet in a pot after each said play card, each said discard and said wild card of said pyramid is turned face up.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein said step (c) of dealing said six cards for defining said pyramid is completed prior to said step (a) of dealing said four cards to said player.
- 10 8. The method of claim 1 wherein said step (a) of dealing said four cards to said player and said step (c) of dealing said six cards for defining said pyramid are performed simultaneously.
9. The method of claim 1 wherein said step (b) of discarding one said card from said hand of said player, leaving said player with three said cards is completed after said step (c) of dealing said six
15 cards for defining said pyramid.
10. The method of claim 1 wherein the course of play of said step (d) includes turning a first play card face up; turning a first discard face up; turning a second play card face up; turning a second discard face up; turning a third play card face up and turning said wild card face up.
11. The method of claim 10 wherein the order of turning said play cards and said discards face up
20 may be any order as long as the sequence of play of turning over cards in said pyramid is followed, namely, one of said first play card, said second play card and said third play card followed by one of said first discard and said second discard and followed by said wild card which is turned face up after all of said play cards and all of said discards have been turned face up.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein the number of said players is determined by the quantity of said cards available from the deck to deal four said cards to each said player and to form said pyramid of said six cards.

13. A method of playing a modified poker card game using a standard deck of playing cards comprising the steps:

(a) dealing four cards, face down, to a player defining a hand;

(b) discarding one said card from said hand of said player, leaving said player with three said cards;

(c) dealing six cards, face down from the deck, arranged in a community defining a pyramid having a top row with one wild card, a middle row with two discards and a bottom row with three play cards;

(d) allowing each said player to selectively place a bet, in turn, in a pot after each said play card, said discard and said wild card of said pyramid is turned face up;

(e) comparing matching cards by rank from the hand of each player and from said play cards and said wild card, with said discards and placing them on top of matching said discards when said play cards, said discards and said wild card are turned face up during the course of play; wherein the course of play includes turning a first play card face up; turning a first discard face up; turning a second play card face up; turning a second discard face up; turning a third play card face up and turning said wild card face up;

(f) forming, by each player, a best poker hand, wherein the best poker hand consisting of a maximum of five cards chosen from the cards remaining in the hand of the player and from said play cards remaining and from said wild card, if it remains, of said pyramid; wherein said wild card and any said card having the same rank as said wild card may represent any card including said discards and any said matching cards that have been placed on top of matching said discards during the course of play;

(g) exposing the best poker hand, by each said player, face up;

(h) examining the best poker hand among said players; and

(i) declaring said player having the best poker hand, as the winner.

14. The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of claiming, by the winner, the full contents of said pot.

15. The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of sharing said pot, by the winner, with each said player having no said cards in said hand and with each said player having a player hand 5 identical to the winner.

16. The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of allowing each said player to select a standard traditional poker betting option instead of placing a bet in a pot after each said play card, each said discard and said wild card of said pyramid is turned face up.

17. The method of claim 13 wherein the order of turning said play cards and said discards face up 10 may be any order as long as the sequence of play of turning over cards in said pyramid is followed, namely, one of said first play card, said second play card and said third play card followed by one of said first discard and said second discard and followed by said wild card which is turned face up after all of said play cards and all of said discards have been turned face up.

18. A method of playing a modified poker card game comprising the steps:

15 (a) providing a deck of standard fifty two cards; (b) dealing four cards from the deck, face down, to at least two players defining a hand; (c) discarding one card from said hand of each said player, leaving each said player with three cards; (d) dealing six cards, face down from the deck, arranged in a community defining a pyramid having a top row with one wild card, a middle row with two discards and a bottom row with three play cards; (e) allowing each said player to select 20 one of placing a bet in a pot after each said play card, each said discard and said wild card of said pyramid is turned face up and a standard traditional poker betting option instead of placing said bet; (f) turning a first play card face up; (g) turning a first discard face up; (h) comparing each said card held in said hand by each said player with said first discard for a match, by rank; (i) removing matching said card from each said player's said hand and placing it on top of said first 25 discard; (j) comparing said first play card with said first discard for a match, by rank; (k) removing matching said first play card and placing it on top of said first discard; (l) turning a second play

card face up; (m) comparing said second play card with said first discard for a match, by rank; (n) removing matching said second play card and placing it on top of said first discard; (o) turning a second discard face up; (p) comparing each said card held in said hand by each said player with said second discard for a match, by rank; (q) removing matching said card from each said player's 5 said hand and placing it on top of said second discard; (r) comparing said first play card and said second play card with said second discard for a match, by rank; (s) removing matching said first play card and matching said second play card and placing them on top of said second discard; (t) turning a third play card face up; (u) comparing said third play card with said first discard and with said second discard for a match, by rank; (v) removing matching said third play card and 10 placing it on top of one of said first discard and said second discard that it matches; (w) turning said wild card face up; (x) comparing said wild card with said first discard and with said second discard for a match, by rank; (y) placing said wild card on top of one of said first discard and said second discard that it matches; (z) forming, by each player, a best poker hand, wherein the best poker hand consisting of a maximum of five cards chosen from the cards remaining in the hand of 15 the player and from said play cards remaining and from said wild card, if it remains, of said pyramid; wherein said wild card and any said card having the same rank as said wild card may represent any card including said discards and any said matching cards that have been placed on top of matching said discards during the course of play; (z1) exposing the best poker hand, by each said player, face up; (z2) examining the best poker hand among said players; and (z3) 20 declaring said player having the best poker hand, as the winner, whereby the winner claiming the full contents of said pot and the winner sharing said pot with each said player having no said cards in said hand and with each said player having a player hand identical to the winner.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein the order of turning said play cards and said discards face up may be any order as long as the sequence of play of turning over cards in said pyramid is 25 followed, with said wild card turned face up after all of said play cards and all of said discards have been turned face up.

20. The method of claim 18 wherein said modified poker card game may be electronically adapted.